



Muslim Entrepreneurship in Ireland

"Let there be amongst you traffic and trade by mutual goodwill"

- Holy Quran 4:29

Wednesday October 6th

Dublin Institute of Technology (*Aungier Street campus*) Room 5-050

Session 1 - (10.00 - 11.25)

How Does Muslim Entrepreneurship Differ?

Chairperson: Paul O'Sullivan (*Director, College of Business, DIT*)

- 10.00 - 10.10** Welcome to DIT - **Professor Brian Norton** (*President, DIT*)
- 10.10 - 10.20** Welcome Address - **Sk. Hussein Halawa** (*Imam, Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland*)
- 10.20 - 10.30** Opening Remarks - **U.S. Embassy Official** (*TBC*)
- 10.30 - 11.15** Understanding the Muslim Culture from an Entrepreneurship Perspective - **Tayyibah Taylor** (*Founder, Azizah Magazine*)
- 11.15 - 11.25** Questions and Answers
- 11.25 - 11.40** Coffee Break

Session 2 - (11.40 - 13.00)

How Do You Overcome the Challenges of Starting a Business?

Chairperson: Christopher M. Rendo (*Economic Officer, US Embassy*)

- 11.40 - 12.00** A Profile of Muslim Entrepreneurship in Ireland - **Dr Thomas Cooney** (*Academic Director, DIT Institute for Minority Entrepreneurship*)
- 12.00 - 12.20** Who Can Help You Start Your Business? - **Michael Johnson** (*CEO, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Enterprise Board*)
- 12.20 - 12.45** Female Muslim Entrepreneur: What are the Distinctive Challenges in Starting a Business? - **Farhana Shakir** (*Immigration Consultant and Prospect Entrepreneur*)
- 12.45 - 13.00** Questions and Answers
- 13.00 - 14.00** Lunch Break (*Supplied and Sponsored by Kohinoor Ltd*)

Session 3 - (14.00 - 15.30)

How Do You Grow Your Business Successfully?

Chairperson: Hyat Syed (CEO, Kohinoor Foods Ltd.)

- 14.00 - 14.40** *What are the Challenges to Growing a Business?*
- **Zahed Amanullah** (Managing Director, Halalfire)
- 14.40 - 15.00** *Growing Your Business Internationally*
- **Richard Murphy** (High-Potential Prospect Development, Enterprise Ireland)
- 15.00 - 15.20** *You Need Energy to Succeed*
- **Dr Mazhar Bari** (CEO, SolarPrint Ltd)
- 15.20 - 15.30** *Questions and Answers*
- 15.30 - 15.50** **Coffee Break**

Session 4 - (15.50 - 17.15)

What Do We Mean by Social Entrepreneurship?

Chairperson: John Kearns (CEO, Partas & Chair, WINSENT)

- 15.50 - 16.20** *Understanding Social Entrepreneurship* - **Professor Gary Palin**
(Executive Director of the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, Elon University)
- 16.20 - 16.40** *What are the Challenges to Social Entrepreneurship?*
- **Sean Coughlan** (CEO, Social Entrepreneurs Ireland)
- 16.40 - 17.00** *Successful Muslim Social Entrepreneurship*
- **Djamila Bouacif** (CEO, Nour)
- 17.00 - 17.15** *Questions and Answers*



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